

Patent claims:

1. A circuit arrangement,
which has:
 - 5 • a resonator circuit for generating an output signal from an input signal
 - o with a capacitance and with an inductance,
 - o with an input at which the input signal can be provided;
 - 10 o with an output at which the output signal can be provided;
 - a control circuit for the open-loop or closed-loop control of the quality factor of the resonator circuit, the control circuit being set up in such
15 a way that it controls the quality factor of the resonator circuit in an open-loop manner or in a closed-loop manner depending on the signal profile of the signal amplitude of the input signal and/or of the output signal.
- 20 2. The circuit arrangement as claimed in claim 1, in which the resonator circuit has a nonreactive resistance that can be controlled by means of the control circuit.
- 25 3. The circuit arrangement as claimed in claim 2, in which
 - the input signal can be provided between a first terminal of the nonreactive resistance and a first
30 terminal of the capacitance;
 - the output signal can be provided between the first terminal of the capacitance and a second terminal of the capacitance;
 - a second terminal of the nonreactive resistance is
35 coupled to a first terminal of the inductance and a second terminal of the inductance is coupled to the second terminal of the capacitance.

4. The circuit arrangement as claimed in one of claims 1 to 3,
in which the control circuit is set up in such a way that it controls the quality factor of the resonator circuit based on a Boltzmann function and/or the derivative thereof, the Boltzmann function containing the amplitude of the output signal as a parameter.
5. The circuit arrangement as claimed in one of claims 1 to 4,
in which the control circuit is set up in such a way that it sets the quality factor of the resonator circuit in a manner dependent on the amplitude of the output signal based on a sensitivity characteristic determined for an ear of a human being.
6. The circuit arrangement as claimed in one of claims 1 to 5,
in which the control circuit is set up in such a way that it sets the quality factor of the resonator circuit to be lower, the higher the amplitude of the output signal.
7. The circuit arrangement as claimed in claim 6,
in which the control circuit is set up in such a way that it sets the quality factor of the resonator circuit in a nonlinear dependence on the amplitude of the output signal.
8. The circuit arrangement as claimed in one of claims 1 to 7,
in which the control circuit is set up in such a way that it sets the quality factor of the resonator circuit in such a way that the amplitude of the output signal is within a predetermined interval.
9. The circuit arrangement as claimed in one of

claims 1 to 8,
comprising a plurality of series-connected resonator
circuits, it being possible for an output signal of a
resonator circuit that is respectively connected
5 upstream to be provided as an input signal to the
resonator circuit that is respectively connected
downstream thereof.

10. The circuit arrangement as claimed in claim 9,
10 in which the second terminal of the coil of a resonator
circuit connected upstream is coupled to the first
terminal of the nonreactive resistance of the resonator
circuit connected downstream of the resonator circuit
connected upstream.

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11. The circuit arrangement as claimed in claim 9,
comprising an operational amplifier between a resonator
circuit connected upstream and the resonator circuit
connected downstream thereof,
20 • a first input of the operational amplifier being
coupled to the second terminal of the coil of the
resonator circuit connected upstream;
• a second input of the operational amplifier being
feedback-coupled to the output thereof and being
25 coupled to the first terminal of the nonreactive
resistance of the resonator circuit connected
downstream of the resonator circuit connected
upstream.

30 12. The circuit arrangement as claimed in one of
claims 9 to 11,
in which the quality factor of all the series-connected
resonator circuits is set in identical fashion.

35 13. The circuit arrangement as claimed in one of
claims 9 to 11,
in which the quality factor of each of the series-

connected resonator circuits is set in individual fashion.

14. The circuit arrangement as claimed in one of
5 claims 1 to 13,
comprising a plurality of parallel-connected branches,
each of which has a resonator circuit or a plurality of
series-connected resonator circuits, it being possible
10 for the quality factor of a respective resonator
circuit to be controlled by means of the control
circuit.

15. The circuit arrangement as claimed in claim 14,
in which the at least one resonator circuit of a
15 respective branch is set up in such a way that it is
transmissive for a respective frequency range of the
input signal in such a way that the branches are
jointly transmissive for a contiguous frequency
interval.

20 16. The circuit arrangement as claimed in claim 15,
in which the frequency ranges for which different
branches are transmissive overlap one another at least
partially.

25 17. The circuit arrangement as claimed in claim 15 or
16,
in which the frequency range for which a respective
branch is transmissive can be predefined by means of
30 setting the value of the capacitance and/or the
inductance of the at least one resonator circuit of the
branch.

35 18. The circuit arrangement as claimed in one of
claims 1 to 17,
which is set up for processing an acoustic signal as
input signal.

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19. A signal processing device

- comprising a circuit arrangement as claimed in one of claims 1 to 18;
- comprising a further processing unit for further processing of the output signal.

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20. The signal processing device as claimed in claim 19,

in which the further processing unit is

- a speech recognition device; or
- a hearing aid.

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21. The signal processing device as claimed in claim 16 or 17, -

15 set up as an analog or digital filter bank.